GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Review petition - Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Imposed a penalty of "Reduction in rank to Tahasildar" - Review petition fled - Admitted - Penalty revoked restoring the original cadre - Modified penalty of Stoppage of two increments without cumulative effect - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.286

Dated:06.03.2024
Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.45, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.17.01.2024
2. G.O.Rt.No.129, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.31.01.2024
3. Review petition dt: 24.01.2024 filed by Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the G.O 1st read above, orders have been issued imposing a punishment of "Reduction in rank to Tahasildar " against Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur as the article of charge framed against her for the irregularities committed in granting Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deeds to (4) pattadars for the land measuring an extent of Ac.66.25 cents situated in Pernamitta village, Santhanuthalapadu Mandal which belongs to Sadavarthi Byragi Matam are held proved by the Inquiry Authority cum Joint Collector, Prakasam. Subsequently, vide G.O 2nd read above, the same has been kept under abeyance until further orders.

2. Aggrieved by the above orders, Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur has filed review petition before the Government denying the allegations and asserting that as per RSR of Pernamitta Village, the land in Sy. No. 344 is classified as Inam Dry and in Pattadar Column it is noted as Ongole Charitable Sadavarthi Matam Trustees Kosaldas and Raghavadasu. Further, under Section 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1956, it was decided that Sy. No. 344 of Pernamitta village did not belong to the Matam and ryothwari pattas in Form-VIII were issued to Sri Dharmanji Raghavadas and Sri Dharmanji Krishna Murthy in the year 1983. According to the said Act, anyone aggrieved by the Tahsildar's decision can appeal to the Revenue Court within 60 days. In the instant case, neither the Sadavarthi Matam representatives nor the Endowment Department have fled an appeal. In the year 2008, registered transactions took place and PPBs/TTDs are issued to purchasers to an extent of Ac. 16.56 cents each in the year June 2009. The Endowment Commissioner, AP., in Rc. No. N2/31473/2009, dated 22-12-2009, provided a "No Objection" report to the Sub Registrar, Santhanuthalapadu for further transactions and clarified the non-existence of "Ongole Charitable Sadavarthi Math". It detailed the issuance of ryothwari pattas for Sy.No.344 to Kosaldas' legal heirs under the Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryothwari Act, 1956). The Special Deputy Collector, Land Protection Cell, Kakinada conformed the pattadars as D. Raghavadas and D. Krishna Murthy, sons of Kosaldas, who were recorded as pattadars and enjoyers against the Sy. No. 344 who received pattas in 1983 for 33.12½ acres each based on ryothwari pattas. Also, the Assistant Commissioner of Endowments Dept., has addressed a letter, Rc. No. A5/3447/2010, Dt.10.11.2011 to Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole requesting to take the report on file as appeal which clearly shows that there is no appeal as on the date of issue of Pattadar Pass Books and Tile Deeds during the year 2009. While stating above she has requested to examine the material evidences submitted by her and consider the submissions made above, and exonerate her from the charges and drop the orders issued by the disciplinary authority.

3. And whereas, the review petition of Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner,

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Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur has been admitted and a personal hearing has been conducted by the competent authority on 05.02.2024.

4. After careful examination of the grounds put forth in the review petition and also after hearing to pleadings of the petitioner during the personal hearing, Government have observed that during the issuance of the Pattadar Pass Books (PPBs) and Title Deeds (TTDs) in 2009, the Endowment Department did not appeal to the competent authorities. Their appeal to the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Ongole, was made in 2011, significantly after the issuance of the Pattadar Pass Books, and hence, it is believed that the charged officer had not carried out these issuances intentionally. Hence, Govt., have decided that the major punishment of "Reduction in rank as Tahsildar" imposed on Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur be revoked duly restoring her original cadre of Deputy Collector. However, the punishment of Stoppage of Two increments without cumulative effect shall be imposed on her.

5. Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule- 38(a) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, here by revoke the punishment of "Reduction in rank as Tahsildar" imposed on Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur duly restoring her original cadre of Deputy Collector and impose a punishment of Stoppage of two increments without cumulative effect on her.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/ District Collector, Prakasam, shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (LANDS)(FAC)

To:
Smt. K.Lalitha, former Tahasildar, Santhanuthalapadu and Presently working as Joint Director (Admn.,), O/o the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Dept., Guntur through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The OSD to the Hon'ble Minster (Rev, Stamps & Regn).
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER